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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with seventeen (17) references listed.
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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 17 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 10/260,821, filed September 27, 2002, which is the parent of this divisional application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	1	4,951,601	8/28/90	Maydan et al.			
	2	5,176,493	1/5/93	Toro-Lira et al.			
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
	17	SEMI E62-0997 PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION FOR 300-mm FRONT-OPENING INTERFACE MECHANICAL STANDARD (FIMS)

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